

## Message Text

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EYES ONLY FOR ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, RP, US  
SUBJECT: AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT

REF: MANILA 12992, STATE 198221

1. DAVE NEWSOM IS GOOD NEWS FOR MANILA AND FOR US. ACTUALLY, HIS PENDING DESIGNATION HAS FILTERED THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE, AND I GATHER MAY BE AN OPEN SECRET IN JAKARTA. THUS, I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE GOP ALREADY HAS SOME INKLING OF IT. HOWEVER, NO HARM DONE THUS FAR, AND WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP THE CONFIDENCE HERE. ALSO, I SHALL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE LINE THAT YOU SUGGEST, AND THAT I ALREADY HAVE USED WITH MRS. MARCOS AND OTHERS; (NOT, HOWEVER, WITH ROMULO AS YET, WHO CAUGHT ME SO OFF-GUARD AT THE AIRPORT THAT I AM AFRAID WIDE-EYED SURPRISE WAS MY PRIMARY RESPONSE).

2. AS TO HOW BEST TO CONVEY THE REQUEST FOR DAVE NEWSOM'S AGREEMENT, I CAN DO THAT BEST WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND OR ROMULO ORALLY (WITH PROMPT FORMAL WRITTEN FOLLOW-UP) AS SOON AS YOU HAVE FINAL APPROVAL IN WASHINGTON. AT THAT TIME, I CAN ILLUMINATE THE PERSONAL STANDING AND GOOD RELATIONS ENJOYED BY DAVE ON THE CURRENT WASHINGTON-  
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TON SCENE, AS WELL AS HIS PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION AND CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IF STILL NECESSARY, I WILL TAKE THE OCCASION TO LAY TO REST ANY LINGERING NOTIONS THAT I MIGHT BE PROMOTABLE IN PLACE.

3. AS NOTED IN MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE (MANILA 12992), YOU OR UNDERSECRETARY COOPER POSSIBLY MIGHT WANT TO BACK ME

UP INFORMALLY WITH ROMULO AND/OR MARCOS. HOWEVER, I  
DOUBT IF THAT WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE EVENT.

4. MOST IMPORTANT, OF COURSE, WILL BE TO PREVENT PRESS  
LEAKS WHICH COULD STIMULATE ANY PREDICTABLE PUBLIC DIS-  
CUSSION. WE WILL DO OUR BEST FROM THIS END TO PREVENT THAT  
FROM OCCURING.  
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